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TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 17, A. D. 1832.

Agreeably to adjournment at the Fourteenth Session, the Ministers and Lay Delegates within the district of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, met on the Festival of Trinity, at Columbus, Ohio.

At 10 o'clock, A. M. the solemnities of the day were introduced at the Altar, by the *Pastor loci*, William Schmidt, by reading one of the prayers in the Liturgy, and the Gospel for Trinity Sunday. Pastor Christian Gottlob SchweizerBarth then delivered a discourse on Genesis 25:32. "Esau said: Behold I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?" after which the Pastors Andrew Henkel and William Schmidt, administered the Sacrament of the Altar to the members of Synod, and of the Congregation, (the latter amounting to one hundred and forty,) "showing forth the death of the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world."

Afternoon, at three o'clock, Andrew Henkel, the President of Synod, preached the (so called) Pastoral Sermon, on Acts 20:27—31. "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers; to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. *Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.* Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years, I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."

At five o'clock P. M., Pastor Francis J. Ruth, at the request of the clergyman, preached in the Methodist Meeting-house, on 1 Corinth. 1:23. "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness."

In the evening, Pastor Henry Heincke delivered a discourse on Acts 9:3—7. "And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth, and heard a

voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he, trembling and astonished, said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man."

On Saturday previous, at two o'clock, P. M., Pastor John Wagenhals had preached the preparation sermon, from Proverbs 28:13. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them, shall have mercy."

Immediately after the sermon, followed Confession, according to the rites of the Church.

In the evening, Pastor David Schuh had spoken on Isaiah 30:21. "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

I. PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD.

MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, JUNE 18, A. D. 1832.

The Clerical and Lay members having convened in the Church at the appointed time, and a hymn being sung, the Synod was organized and duly constituted with prayer, by the President.

When the roll was called, the following Pastors and Candidates answered to their names:

I. CLERICAL MEMBERS PRESENT.

A. ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1. Pastor Jacob Leist, of Pickaway county, Ohio.
2. " Conrad Ricman, of Fairfield county, Ohio.
3. " Michael J. Steck, of Greensburg, Pa.
4. " Andrew Henkel, of Germantown, Ohio.
5. " David Schuh, of Richland county, Ohio.
6. " Charles Henkel, of Somerset, Ohio.
7. " Samuel Kaemmerer, of Zanesville, Ohio.
8. " Henry Heineke, of Miamisburg, Ohio.
9. " Jonas Mechling, of Westmoreland county, Pa.
10. " C. G. SchweizerBarth, of Zelienople, Pa.
11. " John Wagenhals, of New Lancaster, Ohio.
12. Professor William Schmidt, of Columbus, Ohio.
13. Pastor Henry Melsheimer, of Stark county, Ohio.

B. LICENSED CANDIDATES.

14. Candidate Dewalt Rothacker, of East Centreville, Ohio.
15. " Jacob Gruber, of Preble county, Ohio.

II. CLERICAL MEMBERS ABSENT.

16. Pastor John Stauch, with excuse.
17. " Henry Weigandt, without excuse.
18. " Christian Espich, " "
19. " John Reinhard, " "
20. " Henry Huett, " "
21. " Abraham Schneider, " "
22. " William Schulz, " "
23. " John Jacob Fast, with "
24. " James Manning, without "
25. " William Keil, " "
26. Candidate Michael Kuchler, with "
27. " John Schaeffer, without "
28. " Elihu Rathbun, with "
29. " G. F. L. Gerhard, " "
30. Catechet John Zerfass, without "

The following Lay-Delegates presented their credentials to the President, and took their places as members of the Synod.

III. LAITY.

DELEGATES.

1. Mr. Michael Neu, representing the Congregations of Jacob's, Tarlton, Jerusalem, Zion's, in Pickaway county; Salemsblume, Salem's, Ross county; Israel's, Fairfield county.
2. Mr. Christopher Emmerich, representing the Congregations of Immanuel's, St. Peter's, Schleifer's, and Steber's, Montgomery county.
3. Mr. John Gottlieb Baumann, representing the Congregations of Hoffnung's, Frieden's, Brushcreek, Muskingum county; Jerusalem, St. James', Morgan county; and West Carlisle, Coshocton county.
4. Mr. George Ziegler, representing the Congregations of Somerset, 2 Zion's, Ottermeyer's, Kieferreiter's, Schmidt's, Perry county; Uniontown, and Roseville, Muskingum county.
5. Mr. Adam Zerfass, representing the Congregations of Miamisburg, Zion's, St. John's, Salem's, Montgomery county; Union, Green county; Frieden's, Warren county.
6. Mr. Frederick A. Martins, representing the Congregations of St. Peter's, in New Lancaster, St. John's, St. Paul's, Salem's, Zionsblume, St. Michael's, and Frieden's.
7. Mr. Christian Heyl, representing the Congregations of Columbus, Hoelzel, Reidenauer's, Delaware.
8. Mr. Christopher C. Emmerich, representing the Congregations of Louisburg, West Alexander, Preble county; St. Paul's, St. Peter's, Roseville, Melville, Butler county; Wagner's, Dark county; Walnut Level, Wayne county, Indiana.

The Synod, therefore, consisted of twenty-three members.

The election for officers was held by ballot, and on counting the votes, it appeared that the

Rev. Michael J. Steck was elected President.
Rev. C. Gottlob SchweizerBarth, Secretary.
Rev. John Wagenhals, Treasurer.

Pastor F. Heyer, the President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of West Pennsylvania appeared as Delegate of that body, and on producing his credentials, was introduced to the House.

1. *Resolved*,—That the Rev. Mr. Heyer, as a Delegate of a sister Synod, be entitled to a seat and vote.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis J. Ruth and Immanuel Grünwald, formerly members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland, were introduced to the Synod by the President.

2. *Resolved*,—That the Rev. Messrs. F. J. Ruth and I. Grünwald be received as advisory members.

The President now requested all the Memorials addressed to him, to be handed in, and appointed the following seven Committees to examine and report on them.

The First Committee consisted of the Pastors Heineke, Schuh, and the Lay-Delegate Mr. Michael Neu.

The Second " of the Pastors Kämmerer, Mechling, and the Lay-Delegate Mr. F. A. Martins.

The Third " of the Pastors Leist, Melsheimer, and the Lay-Delegate Mr. C. Emmerich.

The Fourth " of Pastor C. Henkel, Candidate Rothacker, and the Lay-Delegate Mr. G. Ziegler.

The Fifth " of the Pastors A. Henkel, Wagenhals, and the Lay-Delegate Mr. Christopher C. Emmerich.

The Sixth " of the Pastors Rieman, Schmidt, and the Lay-Delegate Mr. A. Zerfass.

The Seventh " of Pastor Heyer, Candidate Gruber, and the Lay-Delegate Mr. J. G. Banmann.

The Minutes of the Fourteenth Session were read, agreeably to the Constitution, (Chap. VI. § 21, 8.)

3. *Resolved*,—That the Archives of the Synod be transferred to Columbus, and be under the care of the principal teacher in the Seminary.

The Journals and Sermons of the Candidates were distributed for examination among the ordained Bishops, by the President.

Closed with prayer by Pastor Leist.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with prayer, by Delegate Heyer.

The First Committee reported through Pastor Heineke, that having perused the papers delivered to them, they find, that

No. 1. Is a letter from Candidate Gerhard, in which he

(*a*.) States the reasons of his non-appearance at Synod, viz. sickness and want of means, and, therefore, prays to be excused.

Your Committee move:

That Candidate Gerhard be excused.

4. *Resolved*,—That Candidate Gerhard is excused.

(*b.*) Reports of difficulties, which had arisen in his Congregation about the choice of a suitable place for a church and grave yard, and requests Synod to counsel him in this matter.

Your Committee move:

That Synod can do nothing in this business without having heard both parties, but that the advice be given to Candidate Gerhard, as well as to the members of the Congregation, to endeavor, by the exercise of mutual prudence and forbearance, to restore, as soon as possible, the interrupted peace.

5. *Resolved*,—That Synod admonish this Congregation to remember the declaration of our Saviour: "By this shall all men know that *ye are my disciples*, if ye have *love* one to another." John 13:35.

(*c.*) Prays Synod for permission, to leave his present situation, as he does not receive adequate support, on account of the existing differences in the Congregation.

Your Committee move:

That his request be granted.

6. *Resolved*,—That this matter be further considered in the session of the Ministerium.

(*d.*) Solicits Synod to renew his license.

7. *Resolved*,—That the further consideration of this subject be postponed into the Ministeri[illegible]session.

(*e.*) Adds to the report of his ministerial acts, the information, that he hoped to obtain a collection for the Treasury of Synod.

No. 2. Is a memorial from the Congregation at Straight Creek, Brown Co. Ohio, signed by 10 persons, in which they testify their entire satisfaction with the purely evangelical discourses, as well as with the morally good conversation of the Candidate G. F. L. Gerhard.

8. *Resolved*,—That Synod is highly gratified with this intelligence.

No. 3. Is the copy of By-Laws which Candidate Gerhard proposed to said Congregation for their adoption, but which did not meet with the approbation of all the members. Candidate Gerhard desires the opinion of Synod on this subject.

Whereas your Committee believe, that Synod cannot assume any authority to direct or control the internal and temporal affairs of the Congregations without violating the principles of the Lutheran Church, which rejects and abhors all interference of the clergy with the civil and internal regulations of the Congregations, which rejects and abhors the least approach to a union of church and state, which those only desire, who wish to be lords over God's heritage, who cry out against the Pope, and keep their people in as abject spiritual servitude as he—and as in the opinion of your Committee, the above mentioned By-laws contain several points, which are in opposition to the civil and religious liberty of the people, and whereas the preparation of a suitable form of By-laws for the churches within the District of this Synod, has been given in charge of a Committee of a former Session, which it is intended, (if said Committee shall ever consider it their duty to complete it,) to recommend to the Congregations for their approval and adoption.

Your Committee propose:

That a copy of these By-laws be furnished to the Congregation in question

9. *Resolved*,—That the report and proposition of the Committee be adopted.

No. 4. Is a letter from Pastor John Stauch, in which he states the causes of his absence from Synod, and gives an account of his ministerial acts.

Your Committee move:

That Pastor Stauch be excused.

10. *Resolved*,—That Synod excuse the absence of Pastor Stauch with pleasure.

No. 5. Is a memorial from the Delaware Congregation, signed by nine persons, in which they express their satisfaction with the truly evangelical discourses, and the pious conduct of Mr. Weils, (an alumnus of the Seminary at Columbus,) and their desire that he might continue to labor among them.

Your Committee move:

That their wishes be assented to.

11. *Resolved*,—That Synod are well pleased with this favorable testimony—but,

12. *Resolved*,—That the further consideration of this subject, be postponed into the Session of the Ministerium.

The Second Committee reported through Pastor Jonas Mechling, on the papers handed over to them, as followeth:

No. 6. Is a letter from Candidate M. Kuchler, in which

(*a*.) He first states the reasons, why he could not attend this year's Session of Synod, viz: that his bodily strength was greatly reduced by a late sickness, which made it impossible to him to undergo the fatigues of a distant journey, and that he labors, moreover, under a want of means to defray the expenses.

Your Committee move:

That Candidate Kuchler be excused.

13. *Resolved*,—That Candidate Kuchler is excused.

(*b*.) He informs Synod that all his Congregations, with the exception of one, were in a flourishing condition.

(*c*.) He complains of Pastor G. H. Reichert, (a member of the West Pennsylvania Synod,) that he had administered the Sacrament of the Altar, in the last mentioned Congregation, without having previously consulted him.

14. *Resolved*,—That, (according to explanations derived from a neighboring minister, concerning the condition of said Congregation, as well as the motives that induced Pastor Reichert to act as he did,) Candidate Kuchler may well excuse said brother.

(*d*.) Finally he prays for the renewal of his License, gives an account of his ministerial acts, and sends five dollars into the Treasury of Synod.

Your Committee move:

That the letter be read to the Synod. After this was done, it was

15. *Resolved*,—That the President answer the letter of the Candidate Kuchler.

No. 7. Is the Diary of a Missionary tour, which Candidate Kuchler had made last October through the Counties of Crawford and Erie, within 22 days, during which he had preached 13 times; baptized 3; con-

firmed 13; administered the holy Lord's Supper to 24, and collected 5 dollars and 15 cents. He promises to travel the residue of the month.

16. *Resolved*,—That the report of the Missionary, M. Kuchler, be approved, but that it is expected he will complete the labors of his mission.

No. 8. Is a letter from Pastor Fast, in which,

(*a.*) He prays to be excused on account of his absence, without, however, stating its cause.

17. *Resolved*,—That Pastor Fast be excused, Pastor Melsheimer having given satisfactory reasons for his non-attendance.

(*b.*) Sends his parochial report, and fifteen dollars and fourteen cents, into the Treasury of Synod.

(*c.*) Requests Synod, that the cause might be stated in the Minutes of this year, why he had been mentioned as a Delegate to the German Reformed Synod of Ohio, in the Minutes of last year, notwithstanding two other brethren had been appointed.

18. *Resolved*,—That Synod consider it ample satisfaction to Pastor Fast, to state, that his name was inadvertently substituted in place of Mr. Wagenhals.

(*d.*) He invokes the blessing of God upon the momentous transactions of Synod.

No. 9. Is a memorial from the Congregation of Osnaburg, (Stark Co.) signed by 26 members, in which they urgently pray, that Synod might appoint Pastor Melsheimer as their Teacher.

19. *Resolved*,—That the Examination and the Orations of the Alumni of the Seminary, be attended to to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The President informed Synod, that the Principal of the Ohio Deaf and Dumb Asylum, (at Columbus,) had expressed the desire, that the members of Synod might honor him with a visit.

20. *Resolved*,—That we comply with this invitation to-morrow evening at 5 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Pastor H. Heineke.

This evening, Delegate F. Heyer delivered a discourse on St. Matth. 10: 33. "Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father, which is in Heaven."

MORNING SESSION.

TUESDAY, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer, by Pastor Rieman.

21. *Resolved*,—That Pastor Melsheimer may minister in holy things to the Congregation at Osnaburg, for the present time, but that said Congregation be advised to rejoin the parish in and about Canton, as soon as it shall be supplied again with a Minister.

The Third Committee made, through Pastor Melsheimer, the following report, on the contents of the documents submitted to them:

No. 10. Is a Memorial from the Church Council of the Congregation at Ashland, in Richland county, wherein they request Synod to receive their Minister, Pastor F. J. Ruth, as a member of this Ministerium.

Your Committee move, that the consideration of this subject be postponed into the ministerial Session.

22. *Resolved*,—That the petition of said Congregation, be further considered in the Session of the Ministerium.

No. 11. Is the Journal of a Missionary tour made by Pastor Schuh, through Sandusky, from which it appears, that he had traveled within 33 days, 237 miles, and preached 20 times, baptized 37, administered the Holy Communion to 74, and collected $9 08, for the Missionary fund.

Your Committee move, that the Journal be read.

23. *Resolved*,—That it be read.

24. *Resolved*,—That $25 be given to Pastor Schuh for his Missionary labors, on account of the more than ordinary difficulties which a Missionary through Sandusky has to encounter.

No. 12. Is a Memorial from the Congregation at Millersburg, in Holmes county, in which they make known the desire, to obtain the services of a stated Minister of the Apostolic Evangelical Church.

Your Committee move, that this petition be read. After its being read, it was

25. *Resolved*,—That this and the neighboring Congregations shall be remembered in the appointment of the Missionaries.

The Fourth Committee reported, through Candidate Rothacker, as follows:

No. 13. Is a Memorial from a Congregation in Wayne county, in the state of Indiana, in which they state, that Candidate Gruber labors among them, and that two or three Congregations more could be formed in the neighborhood. They wish that Candidate Gruber could be located there, and if this should not be practicable, that another Minister be placed among them. They communicate their intention to erect a House of Worship, and their readiness, according to the Saviour's command, to enable him who should "preach the Gospel" to them, "to live by the Gospel." Finally, they invoke the Divine blessing upon the proceedings of Synod.

Whereas your Committee is not sufficiently acquainted with the circumstances of Candidate Gruber and said Congregation, they think it inexpedient to make a motion on this Memorial.

26. *Resolved*,—That the advice be given to this Congregation, to be satisfied, for the present time, with the occasional visits of Candidate Gruber, until we shall have it in our power to do something more for them.

No. 14. Is a Memorial from the Congregation at Louisburg, in Preble county, in which they express their entire satisfaction with the sound and evangelical discourses, and the godly walk of the Candidate Gruber, and they desire that he might continue to labor among them.

27. *Resolved*,—That we "have no greater joy than to hear," that the members of this Synod "walk in truth."

No. 15. Is a letter from Pastor J. L. Markert, (dated Butler county, Ohio, 15th May, 1831,) formerly a Member of the Synod of Ohio, in which he communicates the information, that he had traveled through the States of North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio; that he had found the Church in several regions of North Carolina, in a distressing situation, on account of the arrogance of a certain famous

ecclesiastical body; in Tennessee, flourishing; and in Indiana, much harassed by sectarians and fanatics. Finally, he wishes Synod the assistance and blessing of God for the transaction of their business.

Your Committee move, that the Epistle be read.

28. *Resolved*,—That Synod thank Pastor Markert, for the affectionate remembrance manifested by his letter.

The Fifth Committee made, through Pastor Wagenhals, the following report:

No. 16. Are the Minutes of a Conference held at New Philadelphia, Ohio, on the 7—9 of April. *h. a.*

Your Committee move, that these Minutes be read.

29. *Resolved*,—That they be read.

30. *Resolved*,—That they be appended to the Minutes of this Session. (Vide Finis of the Proceedings of Synod.)

Closed with prayer, by C. G. SchweizerBarth.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Pastor J. Wagenhals.

At the request of the President, the Brethren presented their Parochial Reports. (Vide Finis of the Proceedings of Synod.)

The Treasurer received the moneys collected this year for the Treasury of Synod. (Vide ibidem.)

In conformity to the 18th Resolution, Professor W. Schmidt examined the Alumnos of the Seminary, in the German, Latin, and Greek languages, in the presence of Synod; after which eight of the students delivered Orations, each of which treated on a part, and all of them presented a succinct synopsis of the whole history of the Reformation.

The specimens which the Alumni gave of their progress, made in the acquisition of the different languages, were highly creditable to them as well as to their Teacher. The orations, in which the *merits of that man of God, Luther*, were clearly and forcibly set forth, attracted the attention of all present, and met with general applause.

The visible blessing wherewith the *All Merciful* crowned the feeble attempts which this Synod made, in dependence upon Him, to found a Theological School in the West, filled all hearts with joy, with gratitude, with hope, and strengtheped, in all, the resolution, to unite all their efforts, in word and deed, to promote its further advancement.

After the close of the examination, Synod adjourned, in order to visit the Ohio Deaf and Dumb Asylum,* agreeably to the 20th Resolution.

* As we suppose that the facts, which the Principal of this Institution, Mr. Hubbel, has politely stated to Synod in writing, are known to few, and must be interesting to all, we subjoin his communication in a note: See.

TO THE LUTHERAN SYNOD OF OHIO.

Gentlemen,—The Ohio Deaf and Dumb Asylum, permanently located at Columbus, has, at the present time, three teachers and twenty-five pupils. Two of the teachers are well educated deaf and dumb young gentlemen. The institution is under the patronage and direction of the State Legislature. The state defrays the expenses of eighteen pupils, or two from each Judicial Circuit, and assists a few others in part. The terms on which pupils are received, are $75 a year. The time of receiving pupils, is the first

Closed with prayer, by Pastor Charles Henkel.

In the evening, Pastor J. Grünwald delivered a discourse on St. Luke 14: 18. "And they all, with one consent, began to make excuse."

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with singing a hymn, and a prayer by the President.

31. *Resolved*,—That Synod has heard with regret, that one or two members of the Conference held in New Philadelphia, have entertained a desire of forming a new Synod; but, on the other hand, felt rejoiced, that this project, the execution of which, particularly under the present circumstances, would be productive of the most deleterious consequences, has been almost unanimously rejected by the Conference.

No. 17. Is a letter from Professor Hazelius, D. D. to Professor Schmidt, in which he states, that our Brethren in the East had voted fifty volumes of theological works out of the Library of the Seminary at Gettysburg, to the Theological School of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, as a token of their love and friendship; and that he himself, (Professor Hazelius,) would add twenty volumes out of his private library, as a proof of the interest he felt in the prosperity of our Institution.

Your Committee move, that we return our cordial thanks to these Brethren in general, and to Professor Hazelius in particular, for these evidences of their brotherly love.

32. *Resolved*,—That we tender our unfeigned thanks to our Brethren in the East, and especially to Professor Hazelius, for their unsolicited kindness, and express our joy that they give us such irrefragable proofs of their sincere interest in the establishment of a Seminary in the West.

The Sixth Committee, to whom the Minutes of several sister Synods were handed over, reported, through Pastor W. Schmidt, as follows: and particularly in relation to

I. The Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of West Pennsylvania.

(*a.*) That this body had resolved, with respect to the 14th Resolution of the Fourteenth Session of the Synod of Ohio, "that we feel ourselves constrained, after mature deliberation, still to adhere to the sentiments expressed last year."

(*b.*) "That it is best, under the present circumstances, to let matters remain in statu quo."

(*c.*) That this body had condescended, (the mandate of the general Synod, which forbids it, notwithstanding,) to grant to our Delegate, not only a seat but also a vote, and had appointed Pastor Heyer as Delegate to the Synod of Ohio.

of October. The pupils are expected to remain at the Asylum four years, at the expiration of which time, with ordinary capacity and application on their part, they are fitted for the business of life, and become useful members of society.

With respect, I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours, &c.

H. N. HUBBELL, Principal.

Columbus, June 19, 1839.

(*d.*) That the Rev. Professors of the Seminary at Gettysburg, as Editors of the Evangelical Magazine, be authorized by this Synod, to deliberate with the Committee appointed by the Ohio Synod, to publish a religious periodical, on a plan of issuing such a work jointly.

In reference to the last point (*d.*), your Committee move:

That the Ohio Synod take measures to establish their periodical as soon as practicable, and politely decline the friendly offer of their Pennsylvania brethren.

33. *Resolved*,—(*a. d. c.*) That a Committee be appointed to revise the Ministerial-Ordnung, and to propose to the next Synod, such amendments as may be found necessary.

The President nominated the Pastors A. Henkel, J. Leist, C. Henkel, J. Wagenhals, and S. Kaemmerer, to this Committee.

34. *Resolved*,—(*a. d.*) That the signs of the times, and the prevailing spirit of the religious papers—which either advocated the cause of new measures and fanaticism, or vacillated like Lot's wife, between Sodom and Zoar, between the inventions of men and the old way laid down in the Word of God—make it necessary, that we establish a religious paper, under the exclusive control of this Synod.

The Synod of West Pennsylvania, held its Seventh Session at Indiana, on the 8th of October, 1831. Its officers are:

Pastor F. Heyer, President, Somerset, Somerset county, Pa.
" G. A. Reichert, Secretary, Kittanning, Pa.
" —— Heim, Treasurer, Landisburg, Perry county, Pa.

The number of Ministers is 31; of whom 18 together with 11 Lay-Delegates were present. Four are without Congregations, and five others gave in no parochial report. 25 Clergymen attend to 109 Congregations. Besides these, 40 vacant Congregations belong to its District. 21 Ministers presented their parochial reports, the total amount of which is as follows:

Baptized, Infants 1779, Adults 100	1879
Confirmed	733
Communicants	6902
Buried	321
Schools	52
Sunday Schools	47

Collection for the Treasury of Synod, $290 99¼

II. The Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Tennessee,

Contain nothing relative to our Synod, but that twenty copies of their Minutes should be sent to us. The Eleventh Session of this body took place in Buechler's Church, Sullivan county, Tennessee, on the 12th of September, 1831. To judge from the statement in the Minutes, this Synod presents the strange anomaly of having but one officer, viz. Pastor A. Henkel, Secretary. It consists of 13 ministers, 9 of whom together with 25 Lay-Delegates were present, the latter representing 38 Congregations.

III. The Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia,

Contain likewise nothing particularly referring to our Synod, except the Resolution that twelve copies of their Minutes should be transmitted to us.

The Third Session of this Synod took place on October 15, 1831, in Zion's Church, Botetourt county, Va. It numbers 7 Ministers, one of whom was absent. Its officers are:

Pastor Michael Meyerhoeffer, President.
" Daniel J. Hauer, Secretary.
" John P. Dagny, Treasurer.

Six Ministers labor in 28 Congregations, in which they performed the following ministerial acts:

They baptized	551
Confirmed	100
Administered the Lord's Supper to	2007
Buried	96
Schools	15

Collected for the Treasury of Synod, $55 22½

Your Committee move:

That the usual number of copies of our Minutes be sent to each of these Synods.

The Seventh Committee, to whom the Minutes of the other Synods were given for perusal, reported, through Pastor F. Heyer, as follows: and with reference to

IV. The Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York.

The Thirty-sixth Session of this Synod took place on the 3d of September, 1831, at Scaughticokein, Rensselaer county, New York. The officers are:

Pastor A. Wackerhagen, D. D. President.
" J. Berger, Secretary.
" H. N. Pohlman, Treasurer.

The number of the Clergymen amounts to 29, of whom 14 together with 10 Lay-Delegates were present. In the parochial report, 1383 Communicants are mentioned.

V. The Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Hartwick, N. Y.

The First Session of this Synod was held in St. Paul's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county, N. Y. on the 24th of September, 1831. Its officers are:

Pastor G. A. Lintner, President.
" J. D. Lawyer, Secretary.
" P. Wieting, Treasurer.

This body counts 11 ordained Ministers and 2 Candidates. It has 34 Congregations under its superintendence. The parochial reports present the following aggregate:

Baptized	609
Confirmed	173
Communicants	2087
Sunday Schools	7
Missionary Societies	5

Money collected for the Treasury of Synod, $98.

VI. The Minutes of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

Your Committee found nothing in them that had particular reference to us. The general Synod is divided into seven Classes, to which 91 Ministers belong.

VII. The Minutes of the Synod of the Free Independent German Reformed Congregations of Pennsylvania.

Your Committee saw also in these, nothing that refers to our Synod.

This body met at Reamstown, Lancaster county, Pa. on the 4th of September, 1831. Its officers are:

Pastor F. L. Herrmann, President.
" John C. Guldin, Secretary.
" George Kemp, Esq. Treasurer.

20 ordained Ministers and 6 licensed Candidates belong to this body, 17 of whom together with 20 Lay-Delegates were present. Two Applicants appeared. The title of this Synod has this year been changed in the following resolution: "Whereas this Synod extends beyond the limits of Pennsylvania, and whereas this Synod is indeed the old Synod, as it was at the time of its origin in the United States—be it resolved, That this Free and Independent Synod shall have henceforth the Title: The Synod of the German Reformed Church of Pennsylvania and adjacent States."

The Index of the Ministerial acts presents the following amounts:

Congregations	71
Baptized	1464
Confirmed	519
Communicants	4794
Buried	469
Schools	63

35. *Resolved*,—That we regret, not to have received the Minutes of East Pennsylvania, Maryland, South and North Carolina.

36. *Resolved*,—That we accept of the Minutes of our sister Synods with gratitude, and return the love shown to us, by transmitting to them, our Minutes of this year, viz.

1. To the	Evangelical Lutheran	Synod	of Pennsylvania,	25	copies.
2. To the	"	"	of West Pennsylvania,	25	copies.
3. To the	"	"	of New York,	25	"
4. To the	"	"	of Hartwick, N. Y.	12	"
5. To the	"	"	of Maryland,	12	"
6. To the	"	"	of Virginia,	12	"
7. To the	"	"	of Tennessee,	12	"
8. To the	"	"	of North Carolina,	12	"
9. To the	"	"	of South Carolina,	12	"
10. To the German Reformed Synod in the United States,				12	"
11. To the Free Independent German Reformed Congregations of Pennsylvania,				25	"
12. To the German Reformed Synod of Ohio,				12	"

Pastor D. Schuh presented verbally, the request of eight Congregations in Seneca and Sandusky counties, that a Clergyman should be located among them.

The Messrs. Philip K. Roth and —— Rausch, informed Synod orally, that three Congregations in Highland county, wished to obtain the services of a stationed Minister.

Pastor H. Heineke expressed to the Synod, the wishes of two Congregations in Champaign and M'Clark counties, to obtain a stationed Minister.

Candidate Gruber stated, that five Congregations at the Wabash, requested Synod, to send a Missionary among them during the year.

A Committee, consisting of Candidate Rothacker, and the Lay-Delegates, Messrs. Michael Neu and George Ziegler, was appointed by the President, to examine the state of the Treasury, and to report thereon.

A Committee, consisting of the Pastors A. Henkel, I. Wagenhals, and C. G. SchweizerBarth, was appointed by the President, to consult upon the most suitable division of the District of the Ohio Synod into two equal parts, and to report thereon.

The President appointed Pastor D. Schuh, Candidate Gruber, and the Lay-Delegate F. A. Martins, as a Committee to report on the contents of the letter of Candidate E. Rathbun.

Closed with prayer, by Pastor H. Melsheimer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with prayer, by Candidate J. Gruber.

The Committee on the letter of Candidate E. Rathbun, reported, through Pastor D. Schuh:

That the condition of the German Lutherans in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, was described in this letter as extremely destitute, (Candidate Rathbun preached in the English language only,) and the wish expressed, that Synod might send a supply to them during this year.

Your Committee move:

That the letter be read. When read, it was

37. *Resolved*,—That Pastor C. G. SchweizerBarth visit the Congregations of Candidate Rathbun once in the course of this year, in order to preach to them in the German language.

The Directors of the Theological School of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, laid the following report before the House:

That in pursuance of the 46th Resolution of the Fourteenth Session, they had met on the 1st of September, A. D. 1831, in Lancaster, Ohio, and after mature deliberation, had selected the town of Columbus, Ohio, as the place where the Seminary should be located; that they had appointed a Committee, to buy a suitable lot of ground, upon which the edifice might be erected; that fourteen acres adjoining the town, and situated upon an eminence, had been bought, of which the Directors, at a subsequent meeting, had sold four acres to Professor W. Schmidt, for which four hundred dollars should be deducted of his yearly salary, in four annual instalments. The Directorium considers it their duty, and it gives them pleasure to declare, that the beginning of the Institution, and particularly the progress made by the students, in the different branches of learning, had surpassed their highest expectations, and that the Seminary owes its present standing, to the characteristic German iron industry, and to the, amidst all difficulties, unshaken perseverance of our highly esteemed Professor. Therefore it is the opinion of the Directors, that though the Professor hath in the beginning, when this institution was yet in embryo, declared his willingness to give instructions gratis for two years, we ought not and cannot be guided by this his most disinterested and rare declaration, without incurring the disgrace of parsimony, with which the German character has often been charged. With these sentiments, the Directors take the liberty to propound the following question to the consideration of Synod, whether the postulate of Christian morals, "the laborer is worthy of his reward," lay us not under the obligation, to give to Professor Schmidt, at least for those eight months, during which he has been in Columbus, and devoted his whole time, (without speaking hyperbolically,) to the students, a small remuneration?

With reference to the drafting of a Constitution for the Seminary, which the 47th Resolution of the Fourteenth Session enjoins the Directorium to lay before Synod at this session, it has simply to remark, that it was impossible to them, under the present circumstances, to comply with it, and requested Synod to transfer this business to the next Directors. Finally, the Directorium would advise Synod to make preparations, without loss of time, for the erection of the Seminary building.

ANDREW HENKEL, President Directorium.
JOHN WAGENHALS, Secretary.

38. *Resolved*,—That Synod approve of the Report of the Directorium.

39. *Resolved*,—That the Treasurer of the Synod be hereby authorized to pay $150 to Professor W. Schmidt, but that we do not wish it to be considered as a commensurate salary, but merely by the present scantiness of the Treasury, as a small acknowledgment of his services for and in the Church of Christ.

The Committee, which had in charge the Division of the Synod into two Districts, reported:

That, in their opinion, the most proper line of demarkation would be, to commence at Cleveland, run along the canal to New Philadelphia, and from thence, in a straight direction, to Marietta.

40. *Resolved*,—That this line of division be adopted for the present time.

41. *Resolved*,—That as heretofore, this Synod retain the name of Ohio Synod, and the eastern part of it be called, the Eastern District of the Ohio Synod, and the western part be called, the Western District of the Ohio Synod.

42. *Resolved*,—That the concerns of the Seminary make it indispensably necessary, that the whole Synod meet next year again, a previous resolution of Synod to the contrary notwithstanding.

43. *Resolved*,—That a Committee be appointed, to inquire into the expediency, under the present circumstances, to commence the publication of a religious periodical.

Pastors C. Henkel, H. Heineke, and Professor Schmidt, were constituted said Committee.

Closed with prayer, by Candidate D. Rothacker.

This evening, Pastor Jonas Mechling preached on Romans 1:16. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer, by Pastor Grünwald.

The Committee on the religious periodical reported:

That they think it best to postpone the publication of a religious periodical for another year, as Synod, after the erection of the Seminary building, will be better able to procure and accommodate a press.

44. *Resolved*,—That the publication of a religious periodical be deferred another year.

The election for Directors of the Seminary, to which the House now proceeded, gave the following result:

Directors of the Seminary for the year 1832–1833.

OUT OF THE CLERGY:

Pastor Jacob Leist, Pastor Charles Henkel,
" Andrew Henkel, " John Wagenhals.

OUT OF THE LAITY:

Christian Heyl, Hon. Gustavus Swan,
John Leist, Esq. Michael Neu.

45. *Resolved*,—That the Directors chosen for this year, shall compose a Constitution for the Seminary, and lay it before Synod at its next Session.

46. *Resolved*,—That the Directorium is hereby authorized, to provide for the erection of a suitable Seminary building as soon as practicable.

47. *Resolved*,—That we deem it a solemn duty, incumbent upon every Minister belonging to this Synod, to use his best endeavors to procure moneys for the Seminary, before the 1st of September next, in his Congregations, and to send them then to the Treasurer of the Directorium, Mr. Christian Heyl, in Columbus.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, made their Report, accompanied with a copy of the account. The copy of the account, with the subjoined certificate of the Committee, is as follows:

Pastor John Wagenhals, Treasurer,
In account with the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Ohio, Dr.

1831, June 1.		
Balance in the Treasury, (See Minutes, p. 14,)		$265 98
Received in collections at the last Synod, (See Min. p. 17,)		233 28½
Sold 4 Liturgies (bound), at 75 cts. a-piece,	3 00	10 00
Sold 14 Liturgies (unbound), at 50 cts. a-piece,	7 00	
		$509 26½

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1831.		
By Cash paid Missionary Kuehler,		$ 15 00
" " Jacob S. Steck, for printing English Catechisms,		28 15
" " for binding 7 Liturgies, at 18¾ cts. a-piece,		1 31¼
" " Secretary, for printing, folding, &c. the Minutes,		65 50
" " Missionary Schuh,		25 00
" " Professor W. Schmidt,		150 50
" " Postage for the Minutes of Tennessee Synod,		50
" " " for letters,		75
" " Pastor H. Heineke,		02
1832, June 21. Balance in the Treasury,		122 13¼
		$509 26½

We, the undersigned Committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, do report, that we found them correct, and a balance of two hun-

dred and twenty-two dollars and thirteen cents and a half, in favor of Synod, in the Treasury.

Candidate D. Rothacker,
Lay-Delegate M. Neu,
" G. Ziegler.

48. *Resolved*,—That this Report be accepted.
49. *Resolved*,—That the Treasurer of Synod be hereby authorized to pay $300, to the Treasurer of the Directorium, for the erection of the Seminary building.
50. *Resolved*,—That the Pastors M. J. Steck, and C. G. SchweizerBarth, consider it their especial duty, to see that the English Catechisms be transmitted as soon as possible, to Lancaster and Miamisburg.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

51. *Resolved*,—That Mr. Weils labor one month in the counties of Highland and Brown, as a missionary, (if he pass examination,) and that ten dollars be paid to him in advance.
52. *Resolved*,—That Pastor Fast and Candidate Schaeffer labor, each one month, as missionaries, in Sandusky.
53. *Resolved*,—That Pastor SchweizerBarth is appointed missionary, for the north-western part of Pennsylvania, for one month.

Candidate Rothacker having made the offer, it was

54. *Resolved*,—That he visit, once during the year, the Congregations in and about Millersburg.
55. *Resolved*,—That Pastor Grünwald, upon his own offer, visit the same Congregations, once in the course of the coming year, (i. e. if he shall be received a member of this Ministerium.)
56. *Resolved*,—That Pastor Ruth visit Sandusky, once this year, (i. e. if he shall be received a member of this Ministerium.)
57. *Resolved*,—That Pastor Wagenhals visit the Congregations in Highland county, once this year, if it be possible to him.

Closed with prayer, by Pastor J. Mechling.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with prayer, by Pastor H. Heineke.

58. *Resolved*,—That 2000 copies of the Minutes of the present Session, (viz. 1200 in the German and 800 in the English language,) be printed.

Pastor Wagenhals, our Delegate of last year to the German Reformed Synod of Ohio, laid the following extract of the Minutes of that body, before the House:

"Moved by the Rev. G. Weiss, seconded by the Rev. D. Muck, that our Synod express its views, with respect to a union of our Synod with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio. After due deliberation, a great majority was in favor of the measure, provided the terms of union could be satisfactorily arranged."

59. *Resolved*,—That, with regret, we feel ourselves constrained, to postpone the expression of our sentiments upon this subject, till the next Synod, on account of the absent Fathers and Brethren.

Whereas we have been informed, through the medium of the Evangelical Magazine and the Lutheran Observer, that several of the *junior* members of one or two of the Lutheran Synods, have commenced to introduce, or according to their own phraseology, to get up (so called) Revivals and four day meetings; and whereas we believe, that our Church will thereby be polluted with sectarian forms and principles; that the measures, so much in vogue at these four day meetings, have the tendency to beget and nourish fanaticism and disorder, which do more to promote the spirit of unbelief and scepticism, than the writings of Voltaire or Paine have done; that the incoherent and indigested speeches, the chief contents of which are hell and damnation, the sole object of which is to awaken and raise fear and despair to the utmost, and the consequence of which is a general confusion: here one prays aloud, there one sings, a third groans, a fourth goes into hysterics—we believe, that such harangues of such contents, by consequence end in bringing a disgrace upon the ministry; that such discourses are in unison with the dark and terrible Mosaic, but not with the clear and mild Gospel dispensation, as St. Paul saith in the Epistle to the Hebrews, 12:18. 20, 21, 22. 24. "For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, &c. And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake: But ye are come unto Mount Zion, &c., and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling," &c. We believe that such four day meetings, which disgust every reasonable Christian, are an abomination in the sight of God, as St. Paul saith, 1 Cor. 14:33. 40. "God is not the author of confusion. Let all things be done decently and in order." That the Christian Religion is a sober and reasonable thing in itself, and should not, by the ministers of it, be made to look wild or senseless; that Scripture truth, plainly and duly taught, has a marvellous aptness to awaken the conscience and touch the heart, and that this is much more for the honor of our religion and our Evangelical Church, than that infidels should conclude the ministers of it, a set of madmen or wild fanatics, and our religious exercises only fits of frenzy. Whereas, we further believe, that the favorite *new measures*, so essential at four day meetings, the calling of the (so called) awakened before the altar, and praying *over* them, is neither commanded in God's Word, nor sanctioned by the example of Jesus, inasmuch as *He* called none before *Him*, to pray *over* them after his sermon on the mount, (See Matt. 7, the end); that the zeal wherewith those fanatics are intent upon publishing to the world, the numbers converted *by them*, is very similar to the conduct of those, of whose example Jesus warns us, (See Matt. 6:2); whereas we further believe, that those "got up" Revivals, are *a new measure* invented by those sects, who, disobedient to the command of Jesus, do not regularly and fully instruct their youth, in order to make proselytes of those who have grown up in heathenish ignorance, in the shortest possible manner and without much trouble; and finally, whereas we are convinced, that that way in which we walk, that usage which has obtained in our Church since the time of the Reformation, according to which we "feed the lambs" with the milk of the gospel, after we have carried them through holy baptism into the fold of Jesus, and after having thoroughly instructed them in all the doctrines of the Christian Religion, authorize them in the apostolic rite of Confirmation, (Hebrews 6:2. "laying on of hands,") to participate in all the privileges of the Church,—is the *old way*, the way commanded by Jesus, (in those words,

St. John 21:15, "Feed my lambs," and St. Matt. 28:19, 20, "Go ye therefore and teach, (*disciple*, matheteosate,) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; *teaching them* (didas kontes) *to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*,")—the way followed by all the Apostles, and enjoined anew by the immortal Luther, and as we desire to continue to walk in it, and neither to the right nor to the left, be it

60. *Resolved*,—That we hereby express our disapprobation, and protest against those *new ways and measures*, which accommodate themselves to the *fanatical* "*spirit of the times*," and hereby publicly declare our intention to remain immutably *pure evangelical* Lutherans in faith, form, and discipline, according to the Bible and the symbolical books of the Lutheran Church.

61. *Resolved*,—That we return our heartfelt thanks to those inhabitants of Columbus, who have extended their aid to us, in the establishment of a Seminary.

62. *Resolved*,—That on this evening, the President tender to the inhabitants of Columbus and vicinity, our sincere thanks for the affectionate manner with which they have treated us, during our stay among them.

The place where Synod shall meet next year was now ballotted for.

On counting the votes, it appeared that St. Paul's Church at Zelienople, Butler county, Pennsylvania, was selected as the place of our next Session.

63. *Resolved*,—That Synod adjourn to meet on Trinity Sunday, A. D. 1833.

A hymn and a prayer spoken by the President, closed the Session of Synod, after which the Lay-Delegates were dismissed with the blessing of the Lord.

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Of the *Actum Ministerialium*, which have been performed by the Members of this Synod, within the past year, beginning May 29, 1831, and ending June 17, 1832.

		Congregations.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Deaths.	Schools.
1.	Pastor J. Stauch,	–	51	18	131	9	–
2.	H. Weigandt,	8	117	23	485	13	4
3.	C. Espich,			No Report.			
4.	J. Reinhard,			Has no Congregations.			
5.	J. Leist, (2 y'rs report,)	6	156	144	734	23	5
6.	H. Huett,	8		No Report.			
7.	C. Rieman,	1	61	—	—	—	–
8.	M. J. Steck,	6	227	117	1219	35	4
9.	A. Schneider,	5	103	120	490	7	6
10.	A. Henkel,	4	89	91	515	26	4
11.	W. Schulze,			No Report.			
12.	D. Schuh,	6	87	—	74	6	–
13.	S. Kaemmerer, (2 y'rs)	6	102	35	368	4	–

		Congregations.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Deaths.	Schools.
14.	C. Henkel, (1 y'rs' rep.)	8	149	23	394	12	1
15.	H. Heineke,	6	86	29	567	11	3
16.	J. Mechling,	9	144	66	749	12	2
17.	C. G. SchweizerBarth,	4	95	22	692	12	8
18.	J. Wagenhals,	7	167	119	854	34	5
19.	J. J. Fast,	7	104	43	405	25	–
20.	J. Manning,	5	77	41	394	—	–
21.	W. Schmidt,	4	78	55	333	8	1
22.	W. Keil,	6	70	75	185	—	2
23.	H. Melsheimer,	7	65	30	215	5	–
24.	Candidate M. Kuchler	6	53	16	150	6	2
25.	J. Schaeffer,			No Report.			
26.	D. Rothacker,	6	124	50	624	13	3
27.	J. Gruber,	8	112	51	596	13	3
28.	E. Rathbun,			No Report.			
29.	G. F. C. Gerhard,	1	22	8	68	4	–
30.	Catechet J. Zerfass,			No Report.			

Sum total of this Index: 140 Congregations; 2339 Baptized; 1176 Confirmed; 10,242 Communicants; 288 Burials; and 32 Schools.

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Of the Moneys collected for the Treasury of Synod, according to the Report of the Treasurer.

In Pastor	H. Weigandt's	Congregations,	$ 11 00
	J. Leist's	"	24 67½
	M. J. Steck's	"	40 00
	A. Henkel's	"	15 00
	D. Schuh's	"	9 00
	S. Kaemmerer's	"	9 46½
	C. Henkel's	"	11 60
	H. Heineke's	"	22 00
	J. Mechling's	"	18 44¼
	C. G. SchweizerBarth's	"	26 00
	J. Wagenhals	"	38 25
	J. J. Fast's	"	15 14
	J. Manning's	"	4 45
	W. Schmidt's	"	1 81
	W. Keil's	"	9 00
	H. Melsheimer's	"	4 00
In Cand.	M. Kuchler's	"	5 00
	D. Rothacker's	"	12 17
	J. Gruber's	"	12 06¼
			$289 06¼

STATISTICAL TABLE

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF OHIO. A. D. 1832.

Ministers.	*Post-Offices.*	*No. of Congs.*	*Names and Places of Congregations.*	*Lay-Delegates.*
1. Pastor J. Stauch,	Bucyrus, Crawford county.			
2. H. Weigandt,	Masillon, Stark county.	8	Immanuel's; Salem's; Wurster; Bachman's; Milton; Franklin; Kiefer and Numan's Creek.	
3. C. Espich,	New Philadelphia, Ohio.			
4. J. Reinhard,				
5. J. Leist,	Tarlton, Pickaway county.	6	Jacob's, Tarlton; Jerusalem's, Zion's, Pickaway co.; Salemsblume, Salems, Ross co.; Israel's, Fairfield co.	Mr. Michael Neu.
6. H. Huett,	Boardman.	8	Liberty; Boardman, Zion, Berlin, Miller's, Trumbull co.	
7. C. Rieman,	Ritters, Fairfield county.	1	Ritter's, Fairfield co.; Gute Hoffnung, Columbia, Bart, Columbiana co.	
8. M. J. Stock,	Greensburg, West. co. Pa.	6	Greensburg, Brush Creek, Manor, Herold's, Zehner's, Jacobs, Westmoreland co.	
9. A. Schneider,	Shanesville, Tusc. county.	5		
10. A. Henkel,	Germantown, Mont. co.	4	Immanuel's in Germantown, St. Peter's, Schleifer's, Steber's, Montgomery co.	C. Emmerich.
11. W. Schulze,	Meadville, Pa.			
12. D. Schuh,	Mansfield, Richland county.			

Ministers.	*Post-Offices.*	*No. of Congs.*	*Names and Places of Congregations.*	*Lay-Delegates.*
13. Past. S. Kaemmerer,	Zanesville, Muskingum co.	6	Hoffnung's in Zanesville, Frieden's, Brush Creek, Muskingum co.; Jerusalem's, St. Jacob's, Morgan co.; West Carlisle, Coshocton co.	Mr. J. G. Bauman.
14. C. Henkel,	Somerset, Perry county.	8	Somerset 2, Zions, Obermeyer, Kieffereiter's, Schmidt, Perry county; Uniontown, Roseville, Musking. co.	G. Zeigler.
15. H. Heineke,	Miamisburg.	6	Miamisburg, Zions, St. Johns, Salem's, Montgomery co.; Union, Ohrien co.; Frieden's, Warren co.	A. Zerfass.
16. J. Mechling,	Greensburg, West. co. Pa.	8	Ridge, Youngstown, Robbstown, Barrenrun, Swob's, Kindig's, Donnegal, and Brandt's, Westmoreland co.	
17. C.G.SchweizerBarth,	Zelienople, Butler co. Pa.	4	St. Paul's in Zelienople, St. John's, St. Peter's, and Butler, Butler co.	
18. J. Wagenhals,	New Lancaster, Ohio.	7	St. Peter's in New Lancaster, St. John's, St. Paul's, Salem's, Zionsblume, St. Michael's, and Frieden's.	F. A. Martins.
19. J. J. Fast,	Canton, Stark county, Ohio.	7	St. John's, St. James', Sion's, Henry's, St. Peter's, Union, Lexington, Stark co.; Brimfield, Portage co.	
20. J. Manning,	Annapolis.	5	Union, Harrison co.; New Salem, Yellow Creek, Good Hope, Jefferson co.; St. Paul's, Belmont co.	
21. W. Schmidt,	Columbus, Franklin county.	4	Columbus, Hoelzel, Reidenauer, Delaware.	C. Heyl.

Ministers.	Post-Offices.	No. of Congs.	Names and Places of Congregations.	Lay-Delegates.
22. Pastor W. Keil,	Senecaville, Guernsey co.	5	Washington, Buffalo, Senecaville, Leatherwood, Beaver, Guernsey co.	
23. H. Melsheimer,	Canton, Stark county, Ohio.	7	Frieden's, Martin's, Philipp's Sugar-creek, Pigeon Run, Jerusalem, Stark co.; St. Paul's, Tuscarawas co.	
24. Cand. M. Kuchler,	Mercer, Mercer county, Pa.	6	Huber's, Sowash, Beyer's, Eberhard's, Herbert's, and Mercer, Mercer co.	
25. J. Schaeffer,	New Lisbon, Ohio.	8	Salem, Springfield, Jacob's, Rohler's, Michael, Zion's, New Lisbon, Alexander, Columbiana co.	
26. D. Rothacker,	East Centreville, Ohio.	6	Jerusalem in East Centreville, Columbiana co.; Zion's Sandyville, Tusc. co.; Thaber's, Romley, Harrison co.; Waynesburg, Stark co.	
27. J. Gruber.	Lewisburg, Preble county.	8	Lewisburg, West Alexander, Preble co.; St. Paul's, St. Peter's, Roseville, Melville, Butler co.; Wagner's Dark co.; Walnut Level, Wayne co., Indiana.	Mr. C. E. Emmerich.
28. E. Rathbun,	Meadville, Pa.			
29. G. J. C. Gerhard,		1	Straight Creek, Brown co., Ohio.	
30. Catechet J. Zerfass,	Miamisburg.			
31. Pastor J. J. Ruth,	Ashland, Richland county.	4	Ashland, Marsfield, Ferree's, Richland co.; Kuhn's, Wayne co.	
32. J. Grünwald,	New Philadelphia.	6	New Philadelphia, Stone Creek, Reichman, Beaverdam, Bower's, Tuscaruwas co.; Mount Eaton, Holmes co.	

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COPY OF THE MINUTES

OF THE

CONFERENCE HELD AT NEW-PHILADELPHIA, OHIO.

In pursuance of public notice, signed by Pastors Stauch, H. Weigandt, and J. J. Fast, stating that a Conference should be held at New-Philadelphia, on the 8th April, A. c. in order to transact *important business*, relative to the north-western part of the State, the following Ministers and Lay-Delegates met at the time and place above mentioned:

1. Pastor Stauch,
2. " Weigandt,
3. " Espich,
4. " Huett,
5. " Schneider,
6. Pastor Fast,
7. " Manning,
8. " Schmidt,
9. Cand. Schaffer,
10. " Rothacker.

FROM THE SYNOD OF MARYLAND:

11. Pastor Ruth,
12. Pastor Günwald.

LAY-DELEGATES:

1. Dr. Jehu Stauch, 2. Mr. George Berg, 3. Dr. S. Stauch.

Saturday, the 7th of April, the services of the Conference commenced with the preparation for the Holy Lord's Supper, on which occasion Pastor Stauch preached a German, and Rev. Mr. Ruth an English sermon, without, however, choosing any text. On the evening of the same day, Candidate Rothacker preached on Isaiah 60:1.

On the Lord's day, the 8th, the Pastor *loci*, J. Grunwald, preached in the English, from St. Luke 22:19, and Pastor Weigandt from St. Matthew 26: 26—28, in the German language. Then the Pastors Stauch and Weigandt administered the Sacrament of the Altar in the German, and the Rev. Messrs. Rothacker and Grunwald in the English language.

In the afternoon Pastor Stauch delivered a Pastoral Sermon from Matthew 10:32. And in the evening Candidate Schaeffer preached in the English language from Romans 5:1,2; whereupon Pastor Grunwald closed the exercises of the day with an exhortation.

MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with prayer.

Pastor Weigandt was nominated President; and William Schmidt Secretary pro tempore.

The Rev. Messrs. Grunwald and Ruth were received as members, and entitled to seat and vote.

The Lay-Delegates presented their credentials to the President p. t. and took their places as members of the Conference.

Pastor Weigandt was then chosen as President, and

" Schmidt, Secretary.

As none of the members present *had to lay any thing* before the Conference, *either verbally or in writing*, a letter from Pastor Kaemmerer was

handed to the President and read; in which the former, doubtful as to the design of the Philadelphia Conference, on which according to the public notice, *important business* should be transacted, expresses his fears that this *important business* might refer to the formation of a new Synod. He therefore requested Conference to consider prayerfully the serious consequences of such a step at the present time.

When, after this letter was read, it could not be ascertained that such a design was entertained by any of the members, it was, after many debates,

Resolved,—That said letter be given in charge of a committee, to report in the afternoon.

This committee consisted of the Pastors Huett, Fast, Manning, Candidate Schaeffer, and the Lay-Delegates Dr. Samuel Stauch, Dr. Jehu Stauch, and Mr. George Berg.

Closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with prayer.

The Committee on Pastor Kaemmerer's letter reported as follows:

Pastor Kaemmerer expresses a fear in his letter, lest the design of this Conference might be the formation of a new Synod, a result which he considers as highly detrimental to the church under the present circumstances, and therefore cautions the Conference accordingly.

Whereas your committee have ascertained, that some of the members of this Conference entertain a desire to form a new Synod, they feel it their duty to advise the Conference to take this matter into further consideration.

Resolved,—That the report of the committee be adopted.

It was moved by Pastor Manning, and seconded by Lay-Delegate Mr. George Berg:

That we continue in union with the Ohio Synod, agreeably to the Resolutions adopted at the XIV. Session of Synod.

The propriety, utility and injury of the formation of a new Synod having been discussed for several hours, the votes were taken on the motion of Pastor Manning, the result of which was that

Henry Huett,
James Manning,
J. J. Fast,
W. Schmidt,
John Schaeffer,
Dewalt Rothacker, and
George Berg,

voted in the affirmative, and

Dr. Jehu Stauch,
Dr. Samuel Stauch,

in the negative.

Severall members who had opposed the project with warmth, declined voting.

No other business being before the Conference, it was

Resolved,—That the Conference adjourn.

Closed with prayer.

That the above is a true copy of the Minutes of the Conference held at New-Philadelphia, A. D. 1832, testifieth

WILLIAM SCHMIDT, Secretary.

II. PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERIUM.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Session of the Ministerium commenced immediately after the adjournment of Synod.

1. *Resolved*, That the Secretary is authorized to procure the printing of 75 Certificates of Ordination and 75 Certificates of Licensure, 50 in the German, and 25 in the English language.
2. *Resolved*, That the Candidates Rothacker and Gruber be examined for ordination.

The Messrs. Weils and Jesting appeared as Applicants.

3. *Resolved*, That Mr. Weils be admitted to examination.
4. *Resolved*. That Mr. Jesting be likewise admitted to examination.

The Pastors F. J. Ruth and J. Grunwald (both formerly members of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Maryland) declared their wishes to attach themselves to this body, as they had taken charge of Congregations within its district. Having presented their letters of regular dismission from the President of the Ministerium of Maryland, it was

5. *Resolved*, That, agreeably to the Canon of this Ministerium, they be examined as to their orthodoxy.
6. *Resolved*, That three Committees of Examination be appointed.
7. *Resolved*, That the Pastors C. Henkel and C. G. SweizerBarth be the first Committee, by whom the Pastors Ruth and Grunwald;—the Pastors J. Leist and J. Wagenhals to be the second Committee, by whom the Candidates Rothacker and Gruber;—and the Pastors H. Heineke and J. Mechling shall be the third Committee, by whom the Applicants, Messrs. Weils and Jesting, shall be examined.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEES:

The *first* examining Committee reported:

That the conversation they had held with the Pastors Ruth and Grunwald, had convinced them in a satisfactory manner, that these brethren were neither infected by the poison of Rationalism, nor inflamed by the wildfire of Fanaticism, and that therefore this Ministerium need not hesitate to receive them into their midst.

8. *Resolved*, That Pastors Grunwald and Ruth be received as members of this Ministerium.

The *second* examining Committee reported:

That they had performed the important task entrusted to them, so far as the shortness of the time would permit, thoroughly and conscientiously, and had found the acquisitions of Candidates Rothacker and Gruber in the different branches of Theology of that nature that they could recommend them to the Ministerium for Ordination.

9. *Resolved*, That the Candidates Rothacker and Gruber be ordained this evening.

The *third* examining Committee reported:

That they had examined the Applicants, and perceived with pleasure the progress made by both in their theological studies, and proposed to this Min-

isterium, that both might be licensed as Catechets, and Mr. Weils be placed under the superintendence of Professor Schmidt, and Mr. Jesting under that of Pastor Wagenhals.

10. *Resolved*, That the Applicants Weils and Jesting, be licensed as Catechets this evening.

11. *Resolved*, That the licenses of all the Candidates be renewed.

After the business before the Ministerium was finished, the assembled Ministers bent their knees, and the President returned thanks to the Giver of every good gift and every perfect gift, that He had hitherto helped us, and prayed in the name of all: Lord, we will not let thee go, except thou bless and strengthen us, that we approve ourselves in all things as the ministers of God in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God; by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left; by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known,—as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing, as poor, yet making many rich,—and, finally, he recommended himself and all his brethren, the present and absent, and the congregations committed to their charge, to the faithful Keeper of Israel, who neither slumbereth nor sleepeth.

In the evening Pastor A. Henkel preached from Hebrews 13:17. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you."

After the sermon the officers of the Synod took their stations before the altar, and performed, assisted by Pastors J. Leist and C. Rieman, the solemn act of consecration for the ministry of reconciliation, by the "laying on of hands."

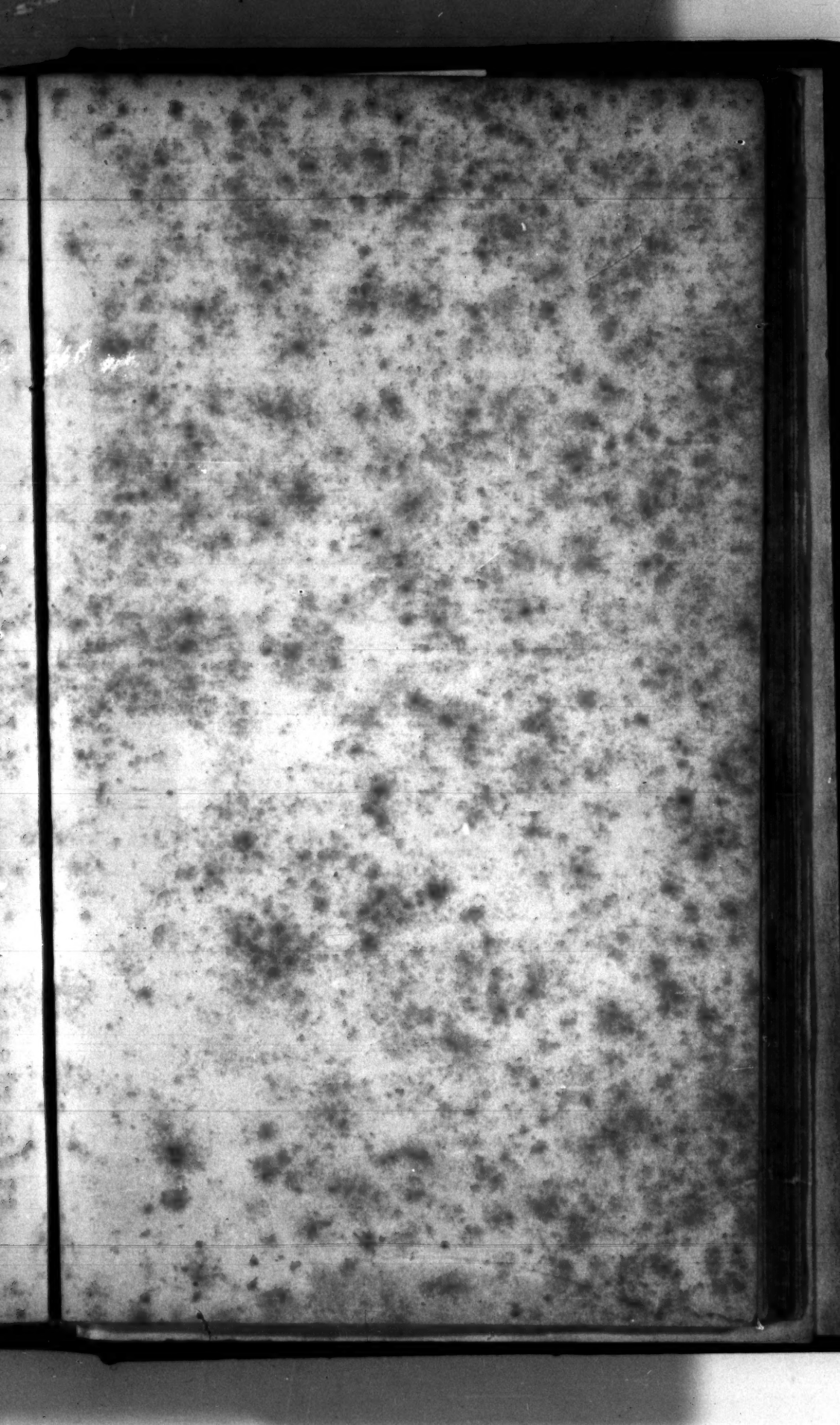
The Candidates, after having heard their duties from the President, and vowed faithfulness in the ministry, received their licenses.

In conclusion, the President addressed the congregation, and after having returned thanks to them for the love they had extended to us during the past days, he dismissed them with the blessing wherewith God has commanded to bless the people. Numbers 6:24—26.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.
The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

Lord Jesus! Founder and Head of the Church, we adore Thee with reverence and gratitude, that *thou thyself* didst come down upon our earth, that *thou* our Saviour, hast begun in thine own person to preach the great salvation destined for us, that thou gavest thyself into death for us all, and after thy resurrection and ascension didst make such great preparations, in order to let those good tidings, which at the first began to be spoken by thee, come unto others, and to make man, for whom thou hast laid down thy life, acquainted with thee their Saviour, and to render them in the order of faith and obedience, indeed partakers of that eternal salvation, thou hadst prepared for them. We owe it to thee, and that power which thou exercisest for the good of the Church over all things, that we also have learnt to know the doctrines of the Apostles, and through them, thee, thy merits for mankind,

and thy will to us. We owe to thy faithful providence the institutions which have been established in this far West, in order to provide the several congregations with Pastors and Teachers, and in order to prepare the younger Christians for the business of this Ministry, which thou thyself hast appointed for the edification of the Church. To thy almighty protection we owe its preservation and consolidation, amidst so many dangers, whereby it has been threatened in our time, and in the time of our forefathers. Protect and preserve it further, that our posterity also may learn to know and worship thee. Bless for this end, the exertions of the fathers of the American Church, and the proceedings of the Synods. Awaken, invigorate, and increase in the present and future teachers of our Congregations the pure sentiment of the importance and dignity of their ministry appointed by thee, and let it become visible by a more general zeal, to correspond to that great design which thou, O Saviour of the world, hast had in the appointment of that office, to promote the edification of the Church, by doctrine and example. May the goodly number of evangelical teachers and hearers, now with thee the great Shepherd, and enjoying the faithfulness of the good Shepherd in the actual fruition of eternal happiness, be considerably increased from the present generation, may it be more and more augmented from our posterity. Oh! that we all, that teachers and hearers may be there when thy whole flock shall be assembled before thee, and thy truth and greatness be glorified and admired by all thy disciples. Amen.

That the above was thus transacted, in the Synodical and Ministerial Sessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, convened at Columbus, A. D. 1832, testifieth

C. G. SCHWEIZERBARTH, Secretary.